

REMARKS

Claims 2-5 and 8-12 are pending in the application. Claim 12 has been amended herein to correct a readily apparent typographical error. Specifically, claim 12 has been amended to delete erroneously repeated text of claim 10. This amendment in no way adds new issues for consideration. As such, entry thereof is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the above-indicated application she is requested to please contact MaryAnne Armstrong, PhD (Reg. No. 40,069) in the Washington DC area at (703) 205-8000.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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